



## Police Department

Chief of Police John D. Noland



# Media Release

August 25, 2015

**To:** Media

**From:** Officer Philip Steele, Public Information Officer

**Subject:** Bundles of Marijuana discovered during Special Operation in Sahuarita  
(S15080594)

Earlier today Sahuarita Police discovered several bundles of marijuana in a wash area on the southeast portion of their jurisdiction. Officers working a special detail funded by a federal grant encountered several people near the area but were unable to detain them. Operation Stone Garden is set up to assist in the apprehension, curtailing and deterrence of human and drug trafficking in and around border areas.

Near the location another male subject was later apprehended and he stated there were nine to ten others in his group. He was turned over to Border Patrol's custody for processing for being an undocumented citizen. Border Patrol and Pima County Sheriff's Deputies assisted in searching the desert area but no other subjects were found.

The marijuana seizure was measured and weighed 200.6 lbs. total in 5 bundles wrapped in burlap.

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